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SENT DEPARTMENT SECTO 13, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 628,
BONN 272, MOSCOW 159.

RE SECTO 4. SECRETARY THIS MORNING FURTHER DISCUSSED
WITH LLOYD AND MACMILLAN TIMETABLE AND PREPARATIONS FOR
MEETING WITH SOVIETS ON BERLIN AND GERMANY.

RE TIMETABLE, AGREED SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH FRENCH
AND GERMANS WESTERN FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN
PARIS MARCH 15-19, TO BE JOINED IF APPROPRIATE BY ADENAUER,
DEBRE AND MACMILLAN.

DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS MACMILLAN MIGHT VISIT PRESIDENT
IN WASHINGTON AT END OF MARCH, JUST BEFORE NATO MEETING.
BERLIN AND GERMANY WOULD PRESUMABLY BE MAJOR SUBJECTS
AT LATTER.

DATE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WITH SOVIETS WOULD
IN REPLIES TO SOVIET JANUARY 10 NOTE BE LEFT SUBJECT
TO AGREEMENT OF ALL CONCERNED. WESTERN AMBASSADORS
IN MOSCOW TO BE INSTRUCTED THAT WE WOULD SUGGEST LATE
APRIL, WITH IDEA THAT IT COULD PREFERABLY SLIDE TO EARLY
MAY, OBJECT BEING TO HAVE CONFERENCE STILL IN SESSION
ON MAY 27. WE WOULD ACCEPT VIENNA OVER GENEVA. BRITISH
RAISED POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT;
THIS LEFT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN LIGHT OF PROSPECTS
SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH SOVIETS; GENERALLY AGREED SUCH
PARTICIPATION UNDESIRABLE UNLESS MEETING PROMISED ACCOMPLISH
POSITIVE RESULT.

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ON SUBSTANCE OF POSITION: CONSENSUS THAT MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE AND FOREGOING TIMETABLE MAY NOT ALLOW TIME TO DEVELOP AND COORDINATE ANY MAJOR NEW WESTERN PROPOSALS; MOREOVER WORKING GROUP WOULD NEED GUIDANCE FROM MARCH MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. IT WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO HAVE AGREED LINE EXPLAINING WHAT MAY APPEAR TO BE "DELAY" AFTER NATO MEETING IF SOVIETS SUGGEST MEETING EARLIER THAN WE ENVISAGE.

RE CONTINGENCY PLANNING ON BERLIN. MACMILLAN AND LLOYD HAD NO OBJECTION TO SECRETARY EXPOSING TO FRENCH AND GERMANS LINE OF ACTION OUTLINED PREVIOUS EVENING. ALTHOUGH GDR "SUBSTITUTION" FOR SOVIETS AGREED ISSUE ON WHICH WE WOULD DRAW LINE WITH SOVIETS, BRITISH REVERTED TO "AGENCY" THEORY, AND HINTED WILLINGNESS ACCEPT "ROUTINE TIME STAMPING" OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS. SECRETARY REITERATED UNDESIRABILITY OF ACCEPTING ANY ACTION BY GDR PERSONNEL INCLUDING STAMPING, UNLESS IT WERE CLEARLY SPECIFIED BY THE SOVIETS THAT GDR ACTING AS SOVIET AGENTS. HE EMPHASIZED WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE GDR AS SUCCESSOR TO SOVIETS. IT WAS NOT, HOWEVER, CLEAR THAT BRITISH WHOLLY ACCEPTED SECRETARY'S VIEWS AND WE MAY HEAR MORE OF THIS QUESTION.

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